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SHOVEL

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Examiner : Timothy Wilhelm

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
June 16, 2006, the term for response to which expires on  
September 16, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-16 are  
canceled, and claims 17-23 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.